

# SMV SMART DRIVER CHECKLIST

## Safety Signs and Lighting:

- ✓ **SMV Sign** - With the mounted point up, place the sign on the vehicle 2-6 feet above the ground. Place the perpendicular plane to the direction of travel (+ - )10 degrees. Place the sign as near to the rear center as possible.
- ✓ **Warning Lights** - Turn signals, flashing warning lights and a red brake light are recommended when towing an anhydrous ammonia tank wagon on public roadways. A standard seven terminal break-away connector plug should be used on the tank wagon to accommodate these lights.

## Safe highway procedures for hauling include:

- ✓ Haul tractors and implements on a flatbed.
- ✓ Obey the laws for height and width regulation.
- ✓ Remove, cover or turn SMV signs when tractors are transported on another vehicle.
- ✓ Use the correct flags, lights, and reflectors on the transport vehicle to warn other drivers.

For shorter distances, tractor highway travel is appropriate. For the safety of everyone on the road, some safety provisions should be followed. Only operate machinery in good repair on the highway. Properly hitch implements with adequate safety chains before beginning the journey. Do not use makeshift hitch pins.

## Before traveling on public roads, remember:

- ✓ Lock brake pedals.
- ✓ Adjust mirrors for good vision.
- ✓ Make sure that all warning flashers, lights, and SMV emblems are in proper operating condition, clean, and easily visible.
- ✓ Check tire inflation pressures. Inflate the tires to the maximum recommended pressure for long-distance travel.
- ✓ Check the wheels to see if the bolts are tight.
- ✓ Make sure the tractor is balanced properly.

When pulling onto a public road, use a wide shoulder if available. If the shoulder is not wide enough, stay on the road. Allow extra time to reach full speed. Tractors do not accelerate rapidly, especially when towing equipment.

## When traveling on public roads:

- ✓ Watch for potholes or obstacles that could tip the tractor.
- ✓ Listen for cars. Often vehicles will rapidly approach from the rear at 3 to 4 times the speed of the tractor.
- ✓ Stay alert at all times to avoid a serious accident.
- ✓ Keep a constant lookout for pedestrians, animals, and road obstacles.
- ✓ Slow down for sharp curves.
- ✓ Slow down when going down a hill.

